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HEARD BEFORE: GARY P. CRITZER  
CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE EMS ADVISORY BOARD

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21 Kevin Dillard

22 Dan Norville

23 Gary Dalton

24 Greg Woods

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1 (The State EMS Advisory Board meeting was  
2 called to order at 1:01 p.m. The Pledge of  
3 Allegiance was recited by the Board and the gallery.  
4 A quorum was present and the Board's agenda commenced  
5 as follows:)

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7 MR. CRITZER: And if you'd just  
8 remain standing for a moment for a moment of  
9 silence for our fallen brothers and sisters  
10 in Public Safety. Thank you.

11 Just a reminder to all Board  
12 members, please make sure that you use your  
13 microphone and speak clearly into it for the  
14 recording and so the folks in the back of  
15 the room can hear you.

16 You should have received by  
17 email a copy of the May 4th meeting minutes.  
18 Are there any additions or corrections to  
19 those minutes? Hearing none, we'll approve  
20 those by consent.

21 You should also have before  
22 you the agenda for today's meeting. Are  
23 there any items you would like to add to the  
24 agenda or is it approved as -- as submitted?  
25 Hearing none, we'll approve it by consent.

1 So my report's very brief. I'll just repeat  
2 what I said last meeting. This -- here I am  
3 again. The appointments have not yet been  
4 made.

5 We have talked with the  
6 Secretary of the Commonwealth's Office. And  
7 I reached out again to her this afternoon  
8 because we understand that some of the  
9 constituent organizations that are due for  
10 appointment or re-appointment have not been  
11 contacted by them yet to submit nominees.

12 So I reached out to the  
13 Director of Appointments as early as this  
14 afternoon to ask them to provide us a list  
15 of organizations which have not submitted  
16 appoint -- nominees.

17 And then we will reach out to  
18 them to make sure that you do that  
19 expeditiously. Once she's received all  
20 those, then the appointments will be made.

21 Those of you that are not  
22 eligible for appointment, you continue to  
23 serve until your replacement has been  
24 appointed. So you might or might not be  
25 back in November. But I would suspect

1 before then the appointments will be made.  
2 In that, again, as I said last month, I want  
3 to thank all of you and the folks that  
4 preceded you for your support over the last  
5 seven years.

6 It's been an honor to serve on  
7 this Board and to chair this Board. I think  
8 we've made a lot of progress in the last  
9 seven years.

10 And I look forward to  
11 continuing to work with the Board through my  
12 position on the Board of Health. So thank  
13 each one of you. And those of you that are  
14 rotating off, thank you for your service.

15 I believe the Office has some  
16 recognition for you at a later point in the  
17 meeting. But thank you all very, very much  
18 for your support. Next would be the vice-  
19 chair's report, Mr. Parker.

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21 MR. PARKER: No report at this  
22 time.

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24 MR. CRITZER: Deputy Commissioner  
25 Kim Allan.

1 MS. ALLAN: Hi, good afternoon,  
2 everyone. I don't have anything specific to  
3 report other than just give you a quick  
4 update on the recruitment for the Deputy  
5 Commissioner position.

6 That is actively underway.  
7 And as recent as this week, I -- I did hear  
8 from our Commissioner that there may be some  
9 viable candidates now in the pool.

10 So I'm hopeful that they will  
11 be moving forward shortly with interviews.  
12 And potentially at the next Board meeting  
13 here, may -- we may have a new Deputy  
14 Commissioner.

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16 MR. CRITZER: Thank you very much.  
17 And just so you'll know, apparently there's  
18 a tote board running around on how fast we  
19 can get this meeting over with.

20 So we'll see how well we can  
21 do and I need to know where I fall in that.  
22 But anyway -- next is Office of EMS report.  
23 Scott Winston.

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25 MR. WINSTON: All right. Thank

1           you, Gary. As you notice, I'm -- I'm not  
2           Gary Brown. Gary's finishing up a -- a  
3           well-deserved vacation and actually flying  
4           into Dulles in about an hour.

5                        So I -- I told him he better  
6           call in when he lands so he can participate  
7           in this meeting. Otherwise, this will be  
8           the first meeting in 38 years that he has  
9           missed of the Advisory Board.

10                      I'll get us started. And I  
11           have -- I have a few things to share with  
12           you all. We do have a quarterly report that  
13           we submit to the Advisory Board members.  
14           That has been posted on the Office of EMS  
15           web site.

16                      I believe it was posted at  
17           least a week ago. And under the home page  
18           of the Office of EMS web site under the  
19           other EMS programs and links, if you'll  
20           click on EMS Advisory Board Committees and  
21           Meetings, you'll find the quarterly reports  
22           from our -- our -- that we've submitted to  
23           the Advisory Board. I'm going to call on  
24           several members of the OEMS staff to provide  
25           you some updates in particular areas. And

1           what I'd like to do is to start with a[n]  
2           update on personnel and some news about some  
3           changes to our office arrangements. And  
4           I'll call Adam Harrell to come to the mic  
5           and give you an update on those items.

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7                       MR. HARRELL: Good afternoon,  
8           everyone. First off, I wanted to provide  
9           you some personnel updates for the Office.  
10          We've had quite a few vacancies.

11                      So to start with, in the  
12          Division of Educational Development, we had  
13          the position that Chuck Faison previously  
14          held, the Education Specialist role. We  
15          have extended an offer to an individual.

16                      I can not release their name  
17          as of yet. They have verbally accepted. We  
18          are pending their background results, but we  
19          hope to be able to release that to the EMS  
20          community next week.

21                      In -- let's see, there are  
22          quite a few. In the new division, the  
23          Division of Community Health and Technical  
24          Resources, the EMS system planner role. We  
25          have extended a verbal offer to an

1 individual who has preliminarily accepted.  
2 Again, at this point, I can not release who  
3 they -- who they are. But we're hoping that  
4 that announcement will be forthcoming as  
5 well.

6 In the Division of  
7 Administration and Finance, we have two  
8 fiscal technician positions that were  
9 vacant. Both of those have been offered and  
10 filled.

11 We have one individual who  
12 will be starting on August the 10th. Her  
13 name is Faye Hunt. She has been working  
14 with not only Office of EMS, but VDH as a  
15 contract employee for the last 12 months.

16 The other individual who'll be  
17 joining us from another State agency later  
18 in the month of August. Amanda Davis's  
19 previous position, the grants manager role,  
20 has been in recruitment.

21 We have screened the  
22 applicants for that position. Interviews  
23 are scheduled in two weeks. As you were  
24 informed at the last Advisory Board meeting,  
25 in the Division of Emergency Operations,

1 Winnie Pennington retired. We posted for  
2 her position. We have screened and held  
3 first round interviews for that position.  
4 Second round interviews are scheduled in two  
5 weeks.

6 Let's see, educational  
7 development, there were a few wage positions  
8 that were open -- the CTS examiners. One of  
9 those was a CTS examiner supervisor. That  
10 position was advertised, internal only.

11 And we have screened,  
12 interviewed and offered that position as  
13 well. That individual will be announced  
14 probably next week as well. We will be  
15 beginning roaming interviews in the month of  
16 August.

17 We have 10 CTS examiner  
18 positions vacant throughout the State. The  
19 interview team will be conducting those  
20 interviews in the specific regions in which  
21 there are vacancies.

22 As for the operational changes  
23 within the Office of EMS, as we probably  
24 informed you over a year ago, we've been  
25 looking at relocation and remodel of the

1 Office of EMS. Currently in Technology  
2 Park, where we currently reside, we occupy  
3 to parcels in that -- that office park, 1001  
4 that houses Educational Development,  
5 Regulation and Compliance, the Assistant  
6 Director and the Division of Community  
7 Health and Technical Resources.

8 And then we also occupy 1041  
9 which are the remaining divisions. We have  
10 been in negotiations and evaluating that  
11 location for business need. We will be  
12 remaining in Technology Park in Glen Allen.

13 But we will be terminating the  
14 lease at 1001 and turning that space over to  
15 the Virginia Department of Fire Programs.  
16 We will, in turn, be taking over their  
17 location adjacent to 1041 and building out  
18 that space in addition to some vacant,  
19 adjoining space to the 1041 office.

20 So you'll be able to come  
21 visit the Office of EMS in a single  
22 location, early 2109. If there are no  
23 questions, that's all I have, Mr. Chair.

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25 MR. WINSTON: Thank you, Adam. I'd

1 next like to ask Karen to step up to the mic  
2 and give us an update on the 39th Annual EMS  
3 Symposium.

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5 MS. OWENS: So first I'm going --  
6 oh, God, that's really loud. Sorry. First  
7 I'm going to turn to Adam and ask you to  
8 look at the screen to see the video that  
9 we've got.

10  
11 (At this time, the Board and gallery viewed  
12 the video on the upcoming Annual Symposium.)

13  
14 MS. OWENS: So for those of you who  
15 are unaware, registration for attendees is  
16 now open and online. So we ask that you  
17 make sure you share that with your  
18 providers.

19 Also, along with registration,  
20 the other thing that is open is that we are  
21 actively pursuing sponsorship for this  
22 year's Symposium. We use our sponsors and  
23 appreciate our sponsors. Because of them,  
24 we get as much as we can growth-wise and the  
25 ability to provide some great education and

1 bring in some of these instructors. We do  
2 have sponsorship packets available, but it's  
3 also on the web site.

4 And if you know of anybody  
5 who's interested, you know, we just ask that  
6 you share with them the ability and the  
7 opportunity to be a sponsor for the event.  
8 And Scott, you have some additional  
9 information.

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11 MR. WINSTON: Thank you, Karen. I  
12 do want to add a couple of items. The -- as  
13 Karen said, the registration opened on  
14 Tuesday, the 31st. And it will be open  
15 through the October 5th.

16 Individuals who are recognized  
17 as members of the Advisory Board, at that  
18 time, will be provided one night's lodging  
19 in order to attend the next Advisory Board  
20 meeting that's scheduled on the 7th of  
21 November, which is a Wednesday.

22 Which will be early on into  
23 the Symposium week. If you choose to stay  
24 on, we can talk about assisting you in maybe  
25 securing rooms in our block to allow you to

1 -- to lodge at the hotel. There won't be  
2 any charge -- it'll be free to members of  
3 the -- the Board.

4 We do ask that you download  
5 the application that's online and complete  
6 that and submit it, either electronically or  
7 scan it by email to Irene Hamilton. And  
8 Irene will enter in your registration.

9 I'd hold off for a few weeks  
10 until we know -- unless that you're sure  
11 that you're going to be re-appointed or your  
12 -- your time for re-appointment hasn't come  
13 up.

14 And once you're aware of that  
15 then you can submit it -- you application --  
16 registration. We will have a number of  
17 committee meetings that are held in  
18 conjunction with Symposium as we do every  
19 year.

20 And we will have on the  
21 Saturday night, the 10th of November, the  
22 Governor's EMS Awards banquet and ceremony.  
23 So if you have any questions about  
24 Symposium, please see Irene or even speak  
25 with myself. Next, I'd like to ask Debbie

1 Akers to come up to the mic and Debbie will  
2 give you an update on our EMS Scholarship  
3 program.

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5 MS. AKERS: Good afternoon,  
6 everyone. There was a report published in  
7 your Board report. But I want to give you  
8 some updates that have taken place since  
9 that report.

10 We're happy to report that the  
11 Office of Information Management, our OIM  
12 Division, has been diligently working on a  
13 process that we're very excited about. The  
14 scholarship's going to be tied to the  
15 provider's portal account.

16 As they register for a class,  
17 it's going to check the criteria of their  
18 eligibility. You know, are they over 18,  
19 are they with a Virginia -- do they have a  
20 Virginia address?

21 Is their educator over the  
22 16th percentile, has there been no  
23 enforcement actions? If all the answers to  
24 that are positive and they become eligible  
25 for the scholarship, once the educator

1 accepts them into the program, in their  
2 portal they'll be able to have a flag that  
3 says, you're not eligible for a scholarship.  
4 Would you like to apply?

5           There's two steps to that.  
6 When they click the button that yes, I'd  
7 like to apply, it will ask them, do you want  
8 to apply as an individual or would you like  
9 your agency to fund it through a grant  
10 process?

11           We're going to be funding both  
12 individual scholarships and grants. Many  
13 agencies are willing to sponsor their  
14 students or their providers into these  
15 programs.

16           But it has been a financial  
17 hardship since the EMS Training Funds  
18 program changed in 2016. That money will  
19 then be allocated, the scholarship will open  
20 up.

21           They'll be able to sign the  
22 contract and move forward. Or the agency  
23 can say, yes, I'm going to accept them.  
24 Should the agency, for some reason, say I  
25 don't want to accept them, then it'll put

1 the scholarship back to the provider to say,  
2 your agency isn't willing to sponsor you.  
3 But you can apply individually. Some  
4 agencies are hesitant to accept that  
5 responsibility.

6 So we're offered that as an  
7 option as well. The contract will have two  
8 requirements. They must certify within two  
9 years of the course end date.

10 And they must affiliate with a  
11 Virginia EMS agency and provide a minimum of  
12 one year's service to the Commonwealth.  
13 We're excited about this process.

14 Any student enrolling in a  
15 program that begins on or after August 1st  
16 of this year will be able -- will be  
17 eligible to apply for this scholarship. We  
18 hope to have the system up and running by  
19 September 1st.

20 But anyone that is enrolling  
21 now and being accepted into the program can  
22 let their programs know that they have  
23 applied for a scholarship and are  
24 anticipating it being funded. They'll know  
25 whether they can answer those questions

1 positively. And the great thing is they  
2 don't have to answer them. Our system's  
3 going to do that for them. That's the great  
4 thing about what our OM -- OIM Division has  
5 designed.

6 We're excited about it. We  
7 think it's going to move forward well. And  
8 we're happy that we're going to be able to  
9 finally get funding back into the hands of  
10 the students and the educators. Any  
11 questions? Thank you very much.

12  
13 MR. WINSTON: Thank you, Debbie.  
14 We'd like to update you on the status of the  
15 recognition of EMS personnel licensure  
16 interstate compact. The Commission was  
17 formed after the 10th state adopted REPLICA.

18 And their first meeting was in  
19 October of last year in Oklahoma City.  
20 Since that time, we've added a number of  
21 other states.

22 And we're currently up to 16  
23 states that have adopted REPLICA. And the  
24 most recent states to adopt them are  
25 Nebraska, Missouri and New Hampshire. We

1 don't have -- we have several states that  
2 border Virginia. Kentucky and West Virginia  
3 that are currently introducing legislation  
4 in their legislative session to adopt  
5 REPLICIA.

6 We have another state that's  
7 considering it, but hasn't taken any formal  
8 steps. And then another state currently is  
9 -- doesn't meet the eligibility requirements  
10 to participate.

11 It'll take a little bit longer  
12 for them to -- to introduce that legislation  
13 into their state. But it is moving along.  
14 There will be a national coordinated  
15 database that will accompany this REPLICIA  
16 that will help and assist in sharing  
17 information, certification and compliance.

18 And disciplinary information  
19 across state lines for members of -- of  
20 REPLICIA. So it's going to be a very useful  
21 tool in helping providers in the day-to-day  
22 movement across state borders that currently  
23 there's -- there's no mechanism to  
24 recognize. At this point, it's my pleasure  
25 to recognize individuals who have served --

1 or serving on this Board and who will be  
2 rotating off the Board because they are no  
3 longer eligible for re-appointment. They've  
4 served two consecutive three-year terms.

5 And by -- by rule, they have  
6 to come off the Advisory Board for a term of  
7 three years before they could consider to  
8 re-enter serving on the Board.

9 But before I get to that, I  
10 would like to take care of some outstanding  
11 housekeeping that we just, for various  
12 reasons, weren't able to take care of.

13 And this has to do with a  
14 proclamation that was penned by the --  
15 Governor MacAuliffe recognizing Samuel  
16 Bartle, MD, as a member of the State EMS  
17 Advisory Board to serve a term of three  
18 years commencing July 1st, 2017, and ending  
19 June 30, 2020.

20 And Sam, I'd like you to come  
21 forward and like to give you a proclamation  
22 signed by the Governor and a[n] EMS Advisory  
23 Board pin. And our apologies for the delay  
24 in getting it to you. Okay. At this point,  
25 I'd like to issue on behalf of the Office of

1 EMS some certificates of recognition for  
2 individuals who are currently serving on the  
3 Board who are not eligible to be  
4 re-appointed.

5 The first individual is Byron  
6 Andrews. Byron is -- served a total of 12  
7 years on the Board in two different stints.  
8 And we, again, appreciate your participation  
9 on our Board.

10 The next individual is  
11 Mr. Chip Decker. Chip has served a total of  
12 12 years on the Advisory Board and, again,  
13 we appreciate your participation and hard  
14 work on this committee.

15 All right. Next I'd like to  
16 recognize Jason Jenkins. Jason has served a  
17 term of -- a total of six years. And Jason  
18 is representing the Virginia Chapter of the  
19 International Association of Firefighters.

20 Next, Cheryl Lawson. Cheryl  
21 has served a total of 10 years on the Board.  
22 And she's representing the Peninsulas EMS  
23 Council. Our next recipient is,  
24 unfortunately, not here and that's our vice-  
25 chair, Genemarie McGee. And she has served

1 a total of 12 years on the Board. And she  
2 represents the Tidewater EMS Council. Next,  
3 Mr. Danny Wildman. Danny has served a total  
4 of six years on the Board. And he's  
5 representing the Virginia Ambulance  
6 Association.

7 And last but not least,  
8 Mr. Gary Critzer. Gary has served for chair  
9 for the last seven years. And he's served a  
10 total of 13 years on the Advisory Board  
11 representing the Central Shenandoah EMS  
12 Council. Thank you.

13 At this point, I'd like to  
14 turn to Chris Parker. And he has a request  
15 to make of the Board.

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17 MR. PARKER: At this time, I would  
18 like to make a motion that the Board approve  
19 a resolution from the Office of EMS  
20 recognizing Gary Critzer for his many years  
21 of service to the Advisory Board.

22  
23 BOARD MEMBER: Motion.

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25 MR. PARKER: Motion. Second?

1 BOARD MEMBER: Second.

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3 MR. PARKER: All in favor?

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5 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

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7 MR. PARKER: Any opposed?

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9 MR. WINSTON: All right. I have  
10 the resolution here in my hand.

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12 MR. CRITZER: How convenient.

13  
14 MR. WINSTON: We wouldn't have  
15 taken this leap of faith if it were anyone  
16 else but you. But we felt confident and  
17 certain that the -- the Board would approve  
18 our request for a resolution on behalf of  
19 the Office of EMS and the EMS Advisory Board  
20 to recognize Gary's involvement and stellar  
21 work in leading this Board for the last  
22 seven years. And for a total of 13 years of  
23 his life, he has been here in Richmond  
24 participating on the Board. And we are  
25 deeply grateful for your contributions to

1 the system. And I'd like to read this very  
2 quickly. It might take a few minutes, but I  
3 think it's worth for you to listen to what  
4 this gentleman's accomplished. And it's a  
5 certificate of recognition by the EMS  
6 Advisory Board.

7 And by virtue of the authority  
8 vested by the State Emergency Medical  
9 Services Advisory Board of the Commonwealth  
10 of Virginia, and the Virginia Office of  
11 Emergency Medical Services, there is hereby  
12 officially recognized Gary P. Critzer.

13 Whereas Gary P. Critzer, NRP,  
14 CC EMT-P, has dedicated more than four  
15 decades of service to the emergency medical  
16 services field, as a volunteer and career  
17 professional.

18 He has represented EMS  
19 interests throughout the Commonwealth by  
20 serving at the local, regional and State  
21 levels to help improve Virginia's EMS  
22 system.

23 And where Critzer has been  
24 recognized for over 40 years of service in  
25 the involvement of EMS in Virginia, since

1 1975, he has held various roles including  
2 paramedic, officer, president, captain,  
3 first and second lieutenant, training and  
4 communication sergeant and life member of  
5 the Waynesboro First Aid Crew.

6 He created improvements in EMS  
7 communications regionally and served on the  
8 State EMS Communication subcommittee as a  
9 member since 1995, and chair from 2003 to  
10 2008, and 2011 to 2017.

11 He strengthened the Central  
12 Shenandoah EMS Council while serving as its  
13 president of the board of directors and  
14 enhancing educational opportunities for both  
15 instructors and providers while sharing his  
16 experiences and perspective on various Board  
17 and committees.

18 And whereas in November 2007,  
19 Governor Timothy Kaine honored Critzer for  
20 the Governor's EMS Award for Excellence in  
21 EMS.

22 This award is the highest  
23 level of recognition issued by the  
24 Commonwealth of Virginia to EMS personnel.  
25 And whereas Critzer was -- has managed

1 numerous commitments effortlessly while  
2 serving as the director of the Waynesboro  
3 Department of Emergency Management and EMS,  
4 and simultaneously campaigning for  
5 improvements in the Virginia EMS system to  
6 assist providers in maintaining the high  
7 quality of pre-hospital patient care  
8 provided in their communities.

9 And whereas therefore, Critzer  
10 extensive career in EMS, he has served in  
11 positions at the local, regional and State  
12 level including serving as a member and  
13 chair of the State EMS Advisory Board from  
14 2002 to 2008 and serving a second term for  
15 201 to 2018.

16 He was a member, first and  
17 second vice-president and president of the  
18 Virginia Association of Governmental EMS  
19 Administrators from 2012 to 2018.

20 And most recently is serving  
21 as the EMS representative for the State  
22 Board of Health. Therefore, be it resolved  
23 that the State EMS Advisory Board and the  
24 Virginia Office of EMS hereby commends and  
25 honors Gary P. Critzer, National Registry

1 paramedic, critical care EMT-P, for his  
2 commitment and contributions to Virginia's  
3 EMS system, and for his service to protect  
4 the health and promote the well being of all  
5 people in Virginia.

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7 MR. CRITZER: Thank you. Thank you  
8 very much. I'm very humbled. And it's been  
9 a pleasure and an honor to serve with each  
10 one of you. Thank you.

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12 MR. WINSTON: Mr. Chair, that  
13 concludes the Office of EMS report.

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15 MR. CRITZER: Thank you,  
16 Mr. Winston. Next would be Amanda Lavin,  
17 Assistant Attorney General. Did Amanda make  
18 it today? I don't see her. No.

19 So next then would be the  
20 Board of Health EMS Representative report,  
21 which you get to hear me again. So I've got  
22 this 30-minute presentation on shellfish  
23 sanitation. If you could spool it up. I  
24 promised somebody I would do that before  
25 this ended. No. In all seriousness, the

1 Board met in June on June 7th. One of the  
2 large parts of the agenda and one of the  
3 decisions we made is that we will be  
4 reviewing the abortion clinic regulations  
5 again. So that process has just started.

6 The other thing that I think  
7 is important for you to note that effects  
8 our system. If you've noticed in the media  
9 over the last few days, the Governor  
10 announced at a press release that the  
11 Emergency Department Care Coordination  
12 Project has kicked off that will tie our  
13 emergency departments across the  
14 Commonwealth together.

15 We're one of the first in the  
16 nation to accomplish that, to be able to  
17 share pertinent patient information in a  
18 very timely manner.

19 And hopefully provide great  
20 improvement in -- especially in patients  
21 that are transferred or seen at multiple  
22 hospitals, in expediting their care and  
23 providing the right care. So some really  
24 big things going on at that level. The  
25 Board will meet again on the 13th of

1 September at the Perimeter Center. Those  
2 meetings are open to the public. If you're  
3 interested in the health of Virginia, it --  
4 the Board of Health covers a vast array of  
5 topics.

6 You're certainly encouraged to  
7 attend and -- and learn about the work of  
8 the Board, which is the overseeing Board for  
9 this Board. So encourage you to  
10 participate.

11 Any questions? Okay. Hearing  
12 none, we'll move then into the Standing  
13 Committee reports. The first is the  
14 Executive Committee. We have not met since  
15 our last workshop.

16 And based on when the  
17 appointments are made, then I'm assuming  
18 there will be another Executive workshop  
19 established. So we'll move on then to  
20 Financial Assistance Review Committee.

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22 MR. DILLARD: Thank you,  
23 Mr. Chairman, Board members. I'm Kevin  
24 Dillard. I'm the new chair of the Financial  
25 Assistance Review Committee. The Office of

1 EMS awarded 80 grants during the spring  
2 cycle, July the 1st, in the amount of  
3 \$3,969,417.00. 44% of the RSAF requests  
4 were awarded.

5 Nasal naloxone grant cycle  
6 ended June the 1st. Re-stocking ended June  
7 the 30th. There will be no more special  
8 initiatives, but agencies can apply for this  
9 under RSAF.

10 We did hold our spring tour on  
11 June the 7th and 7th in the Rappahannock EMS  
12 Council area. And we welcomed two new  
13 committee members, and I'd like to introduce  
14 them at this time.

15 Joe Trigg -- if you'd stand up  
16 -- from Western EMS Council, and J. C.  
17 Bolling from Southwest EMS Council. So  
18 welcome to both of them. Our next FARC tour  
19 will be December 7th and 8th.

20 And we're going to be meeting  
21 in the Southwest EMS Council region. And  
22 we're working on gathering equipment to  
23 display at the Symposium for their 40th  
24 anniversary of FARC. And at this time, I'd  
25 like to ask Dan Norville to come up and be

1 recognized. Dan. So Dan Norville is  
2 coming off the committee. He has served six  
3 years with the Financial Assistance Review  
4 Committee.

5 So on behalf of the Virginia  
6 Office of EMS and the Financial Assistance  
7 Review Committee, we'd like to officially  
8 thank you, Dan.

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10 MR. NORVILLE: Thank you.

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12 MR. DILLARD: And then one final  
13 presentation. I'd like to ask Gary Dalton  
14 if he would come up. And this is a  
15 posthumous recognition of Karen Wagner. And  
16 I'd like to read the resolution.

17 This is from the Virginia  
18 Office of EMS, Virginia Department of  
19 Health. By virtue of the authority vested  
20 by the Virginia Department of Health, the  
21 Office of Emergency Medical Services does  
22 hereby officially recognize Karen D. Wagner.  
23 Whereas Karen D. Wagner was a dedicated  
24 member of the Woodstock Volunteer Rescue  
25 Squad since 1982, and was honored by the

1 squad as life member -- 1982 -- and then  
2 honored in '92 as a life member. During her  
3 time there, she served in various leadership  
4 roles including vice-president, secretary,  
5 training lieutenant, infectious disease  
6 officer and serving on the bylaws committee.

7 Karen also served at the local  
8 government level as chair and secretary of  
9 the Shenandoah County Fire and Rescue  
10 Association and EMS Safety Committee.

11 And whereas Karen was  
12 extremely active in the Virginia Association  
13 of Volunteer Rescue Squads for more than  
14 three decades and served as the VAVRS  
15 president, vice-president, secretary, life  
16 line editor as well as in numerous district  
17 offices including district vice-president.

18 During her time at the State  
19 Rescue College, she served in various roles  
20 including chair, staff instructor, Virginia  
21 EMT instructor and EVOC instructor.

22 In 2003, she was elected as a  
23 VAVRS life member and inducted into the  
24 Virginia Life Saving and Rescue Hall of Fame  
25 in 2018. And whereas Karen was commended by

1 Virginia Mark Obenshain for more than 35  
2 years of service to the Commonwealth. She  
3 was also appointed to serve in Virginia  
4 State EMS Advisory Board for eight years and  
5 served as chairwoman of the State EMS  
6 Advisory Board for four years.

7 She was the first all  
8 volunteer provider to hold this position.  
9 And whereas Karen served at the State level  
10 on various committees and programs,  
11 including serving as a member of the State  
12 Regulation and Policy Committee, and as  
13 chairwoman of the Financial Assistance and  
14 Review Committee beginning July 1, 2012.

15 In 2004, she was awarded the  
16 Governor's EMS Award for Excellence in EMS,  
17 the most prestigious award presented at the  
18 State level, and subsequently served on the  
19 Governor's EMS award selection committee.

20 Therefore, be it resolved that  
21 the Virginia Department of Health, Office of  
22 Emergency Medical Services, hereby  
23 memorialize and honor Karen D. Wagner for  
24 her incredible contribution to Virginia's  
25 volunteer EMS providers and the citizens of

1 the Commonwealth. Karen was an icon in the  
2 EMS field and her kind spirit,  
3 accomplishments and unwavering support of  
4 the Virginia EMS system will be remembered  
5 forever. Signed by Gary Brown and Scott  
6 Winston.

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8 MR. CRITZER: Thank you, Kevin.  
9 Administrative Coordinator, John Henschel.  
10 And followed by Rules and Regulations  
11 Committee.

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13 MR. HENSCHEL: I have no report as  
14 Administrative Coordinator, so I'll refer to  
15 the respective committee chairs. Rules and  
16 Regs met yesterday. We did vote and approve  
17 to move the draft revision of the rules and  
18 regulations forward to Stage II.

19 More information on -- on that  
20 draft will be forthcoming to Advisory Board  
21 members prior to the November meeting. The  
22 additional items we discussed can be found  
23 in your quarterly report. And that's all I  
24 have at this point.

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1 MR. CRITZER: Thank you, sir.  
2 Legislative and Planning, Mr. Parker.

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4 MR. PARKER: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
5 The Legislative and Planning Committee met  
6 this morning. There were no action items.  
7 The Committee received a summary of  
8 personnel changes within the Office and a  
9 discussion regarding the upcoming General  
10 Assembly session and potential bills to keep  
11 on the radar. The next meeting will be  
12 November 7th at Symposium.

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14 MR. CRITZER: Infrastructure  
15 Coordinator, Ms. Chandler.

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17 MS. CHANDLER: I have no report at  
18 this time, and I'll defer to the individual  
19 committee chairs for their report.

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21 MR. CRITZER: Transportation  
22 Committee, Mr. Decker.

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24 MR. DECKER: Thank you,  
25 Mr. Chairman. The Transportation Committee

1 has not met since the Advisory Board met  
2 here last. The next meeting of the  
3 Transportation Committee will be for the  
4 primary purpose of grading the RSAF vehicle  
5 grant, and will be held on October 22nd.

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7 MR. CRITZER: Thank you, sir.  
8 Communications Committee, Mr. Korman.

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10 MR. KORMAN: The Communications  
11 Committee met at 0900 hours this morning.  
12 The discussion included about filling some  
13 vacancies on the Committee. I will craft a  
14 proposal to the Executive Committee for  
15 review.

16 We welcome Thomas Crabbs, who  
17 is the Statewide Interoperability  
18 Coordinator within the Governor's Office,  
19 and Shawn Talmadge with Virginia Homeland  
20 Security, who made an introduction to the  
21 Committee on the FirstNet and -- which is a  
22 Statewide contract. And if agencies are  
23 going to use it, they should understand the  
24 capabilities before just going forward. In  
25 June of 2018, the dispatcher of U-Curriculum

1 [sp] under the Department of Criminal  
2 Justice Services, determine training related  
3 to fire. EMS is beyond the minimum training  
4 requirements for them.

5 And they felt it was not  
6 appropriate to mandate training that should  
7 be regulated by other entities, even through  
8 PSAPS have advocated for this for over 20  
9 years.

10 It was discussed that agencies  
11 who follow American Heart Association  
12 protocols for CPR must adhere to the  
13 requirement that by January 31st of 2019,  
14 AHA will require the use of an instrumented  
15 directive feedback device on mannequins for  
16 all AHA courses that teach adult CPR.

17 Good song. Ken Crumpler with  
18 Office of EMS is working with a work group  
19 under the Communications Committee formed to  
20 review and update the Office of EMS PSAP EMD  
21 accreditation process to achieve better  
22 maintenance of the program. Louis Casata  
23 [sp] with Virginia Information Technology  
24 Agency continues to move forward with Next  
25 Generation 9-1-1 Deployment plans. And now

1 agencies can apply for grant funding to  
2 transition from Legacy to Next Generation  
3 systems, now a rolling approval, not just a  
4 one-time year process for the funding.

5 Derek Rubble shared Virginia  
6 APCO's pro-chart report, chiefly advocating  
7 PSAP's employ EMD protocols and dispel myths  
8 with those protocol systems.

9 Richard Rabeno [sp] shared the  
10 FCC is enforcing, citing and fining agencies  
11 who make changes to the radio systems  
12 without filing an application and getting  
13 approval by the FCC.

14 Second to last, last month  
15 Congressman Chris Collins out of New York  
16 introduced legislation that prevents states  
17 from diverting fees collected from consumers  
18 on their phone bills which are meant to be  
19 used to improve 9-1-1 emergency  
20 communication systems.

21 This legislation is called the  
22 9-1-1 Fee Integrity Act. And in conclusion,  
23 I wish Ken Crumpler, the Office of EMS  
24 communications coordinator success in his  
25 new position for the Motorcycle Safety

1 Program coordinator, Highway Safety officer  
2 with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

3 Thank you, Ken, for your guidance, service  
4 and dedication to EMS and especially PSA and  
5 the 9-1 industry.

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7 MR. CRITZER: Thank you,  
8 Mr. Korman. Emergency Management Committee,  
9 Mr. Andrews.

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11 MR. ANDREWS: Yes. The Emergency  
12 Management Committee met yesterday. We have  
13 no action items to bring forward, a few  
14 informational. In May, the Emergency  
15 Management Committee set out to the system,  
16 to each of the agencies, a survey.

17 And this was to help the  
18 Committee to identify where it needs to be  
19 focusing its efforts as far as emergency  
20 management, mass casualty or active shooter  
21 activities within the -- the Committee.

22 We got a 40% return from the  
23 -- the survey, which is a pretty good  
24 response rate. Our survey was based upon  
25 five pillars which included hospital lines

1 coordination, mass gathering, high threat,  
2 MCI and highly infectious diseases. So each  
3 of the surveys was really based upon those  
4 core competencies or those core questions.

5 As a result of that, it became  
6 very clear that we still have quite a bit of  
7 work to do on the MCI front in the -- in the  
8 Commonwealth of Virginia in education and  
9 also in the preparatory phase as far as  
10 doing exercises and planning is concerned.

11 So the Committee's going to  
12 dive into that section a little bit harder  
13 to -- to find out, you know, more details in  
14 the -- in the survey. So we're going to  
15 work down each of those core pillars until  
16 we have all five of them taken care of.

17 The other thing that we worked  
18 on is we did approve the edits to the MCI I  
19 module training curriculum. That's centered  
20 around the modified -- the -- the Model  
21 Uniform Core Criteria for -- for triage, the  
22 big debate as far as SALT versus START.  
23 We've taken the position that we're going to  
24 provide both in the curriculum. Therefore,  
25 each of the plans and/or the areas are fully

1 aware of both SALT and START. I think  
2 really at the end of the day when it comes  
3 down to triage, our providers are going to  
4 do what they need to do to do their triage.

5 That's been proven over and  
6 over and over again. But from an education  
7 perspective, to be compliant with MUCC, we  
8 need to be able to provide that. So those  
9 approvals were made to the program. With  
10 that, I'll entertain any questions.

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12 MR. CRITZER: Thank you very much.  
13 Training and Certification Committee,  
14 Mr. Ferguson.

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16 MR. R. J. FERGUSON: The Training  
17 and Certification Committee met July 11th at  
18 the Office of EMS. We had no actionable  
19 items. We did initiate a work group to  
20 review the CPS testing process.

21 And we also test the  
22 competency-based EMT work group to review  
23 the TR-90a form for potential revisions or  
24 any updates needed. And our next meeting  
25 will be October the 3rd.

1 MR. CRITZER: Thank you, sir.  
2 Workforce Development, Mr. Salazar.

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4 MR. SALAZAR: The Workforce  
5 Development Committee met yesterday. There  
6 is no action items to bring forward. The  
7 Officer I program, there was a pilot done at  
8 Rescue College.

9 The next pilot, and hopefully  
10 the last one, will be at Symposium. The  
11 goal is to be able to release the program  
12 shortly after Symposium time frame.

13 So that'll go hopefully live  
14 and then we'll be able to move on to the  
15 Officer II program. Recruitment and  
16 retention, they have a big summit coming up  
17 -- recruitment and retention summit on  
18 October 8th and 9th.

19 It's going to be hosted by the  
20 Albemarle Fire and Rescue. More information  
21 will be sent out through them. There were  
22 discussions held on the challenges that  
23 we're facing, both career and volunteer  
24 regarding training new providers and also  
25 maintaining them. So at the next meeting,

1 we're going to start looking at some of the  
2 challenges and barriers that -- try to work  
3 through that.

4 We'll also be talking about  
5 EMS officer credentialing that is starting  
6 to become more of a reality at the national  
7 level. The next meeting will be at  
8 Symposium.

9 And the Committee work --  
10 welcome Mike Watkins from Hanover Fire and  
11 EMS who will be the representative for  
12 VAGEMSA on our committee. Thank you.

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14 MR. CRITZER: Thank you, sir.  
15 Provider Health and Safety, Mr. Wildman.

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17 MR. WILDMAN: Provider Health and  
18 Safety met this morning. We have no action  
19 items for the Board. The Committee  
20 continues to push out health and safety  
21 bulletins over social media to raise  
22 awareness of those issues for EMS providers  
23 across the State. The mental health  
24 awareness campaign is still underway and the  
25 production of the video will be -- it's

1 still in the process. And that campaign  
2 will be unveiled at the Symposium as well as  
3 a video.

4 In the -- in this meeting here  
5 and in the upcoming meetings going forward,  
6 we're going to also going to be addressing  
7 exposures in the work place and in our  
8 industry.

9 And how we can develop some  
10 guidelines and procedures to be able to  
11 handle that cohesively. So we'll be having  
12 more of that coming up at our -- at our next  
13 meeting, which will be held October 26th at  
14 9:00 a.m., at the Office.

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16 MR. CRITZER: Thank you, sir.  
17 Patient care coordinator, Dr. Aboutanos.

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19 DR. ABOUTANOS: Thank you,  
20 Mr. Chair. I will have no report. I defer  
21 to the individual committee chairs for their  
22 report. But I can go ahead and give the  
23 Trauma System Oversight and Management  
24 Committee report. The Committee met on June  
25 7. There was one action item that was

1 specific with regard to the Virginia  
2 Commonwealth Trauma System plan. As you --  
3 as you are aware, most of the -- the past  
4 two years, the TSOMC have been working  
5 extensively with the Trauma System Task  
6 Force that you have assigned to address the  
7 ACS recommendation for the creation of a  
8 trauma system plan for the Commonwealth.

9 There's been a -- an extensive  
10 work on this for the past two years. I'm  
11 going to quickly go through this. And this  
12 is actually also is in the report.

13 The trauma system plan was  
14 specifically based on the -- the model  
15 trauma system planning and evaluation plan  
16 by the -- by HRSA.

17 And specifically, I believe  
18 the plan was followed very well for the  
19 involvement of a functional, inclusive,  
20 comprehensive, integrative plan that  
21 addresses the four phases of -- of injury.

22 From the pre-injury stage,  
23 which is best engaging in violence  
24 prevention, to the pre-hospital and then to  
25 the acute care interphase. And then to the

1 post-care and rehabilitation. So very  
2 extensive process, that's why it took us two  
3 years to develop the -- the plan. So the  
4 plan was for that to be carried forth.

5 Initially, there was a  
6 stakeholder meeting as everyone knows, 101  
7 system stakeholder participated in -- in the  
8 ACS trauma consultation.

9 Initially, with various  
10 pre-hospital providers, trauma surgeons,  
11 emergency medicine physicians,  
12 neurosurgeons, trauma program managers.

13 Regional councils  
14 representatives, State agency  
15 representatives of all kind -- OAG, VDOT,  
16 VDH, you know, hospital administration --  
17 administrators and medical services  
18 providers on an -- basically to -- including  
19 the Chief Deputy Commissioner for Public  
20 Health and Preparedness, that called forth  
21 by -- by yourself for the creation of this  
22 task force which is where the work is going  
23 to accomplish by seven specific work groups.  
24 Each one presenting the various phases of  
25 injury, administrative, injury and violence

1 prevention, system evaluation, post-acute  
2 rehab, pre-hospital, acute definitive care  
3 and disaster preparedness. Extensive work,  
4 as I mentioned, last time and this time.

5 The work group have met 99  
6 times between March 2016 and March 2018.  
7 129 individuals contributed to the trauma  
8 system plan.

9 I'm reiterating this to kind  
10 of put the emphasis how well this was vetted  
11 in order for us to come up with integrated  
12 plan. So on June 7, the -- the task force  
13 presented their final draft at TSOMC.

14 The TSOMC unanimously voted  
15 and approved the draft. And now is  
16 presenting it as action item to be approved  
17 by -- by this Board. And so the -- I  
18 believe the plan has been submitted to  
19 everybody to review. So this is our --  
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21 MR. CRITZER: So coming from a  
22 Committee, it requires no second. As --  
23 before I open it for discussion, I'd just  
24 like to re-emphasize Dr. Aboutanos's  
25 remarks. This is a result of the ACS trauma

1 system review that was conducted in 2015  
2 that had over 100 recommendations for our  
3 trauma system.

4 Outcoming from that, as Chair  
5 of this Board I appointed a task force  
6 underneath of the Trauma System Oversight  
7 and Management Committee that also broke out  
8 into a number of work groups for all the  
9 specifics such as Dr. Aboutanos outlined.

10 Pre-hospital, injury  
11 prevention, acute care, and so forth to vett  
12 every aspect of the recommendations and to  
13 draft a trauma system plan. They brought  
14 that back last month -- or June, excuse me.

15 TSOMC approved it. It now  
16 comes to you for your consideration and  
17 approval. Once you've approved it, that  
18 document would then go forward to the State  
19 Board of Health for the State Board of  
20 Health's approval.

21 But Dr. Aboutanos is correct.  
22 This -- this plan has been well vetted by  
23 every aspect of the EMS system. It's  
24 comprehensive, it's inclusive. It will  
25 require other steps if the plan is approved.

1 It calls for some additional committee work,  
2 committee structures, etcetera, that would  
3 require some bylaw changes of this Board.

4 And ultimately, it looks at  
5 the composition of this Board and the  
6 potential for additional representation. So  
7 before you today is the consideration of  
8 this plan.

9 It was submitted with the  
10 quarterly report. So the floor is now open  
11 for discussion. Is there any discussion?

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13 MR. WILDMAN: How does this plan --  
14 how does the plan currently address the  
15 make-up of the Board is it -- as it's  
16 addressed in the plan?

17 Is there -- is there an  
18 outlier of that, how it's being proposed  
19 now? Or is it something that's going to be  
20 addressed in a future revision or --

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22 MR. CRITZER: Of the Advisory Board  
23 itself?

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25 MR. WILDMAN: Yes.

1 MR. CRITZER: Yes. Eventually, it  
2 will require review of this Board, an  
3 inclusion of additional representation on  
4 this Board to capture some of the other  
5 aspects, such as injury prevention and  
6 rehabilitation.

7 It will also open up the  
8 opportunity for this Board and it certainly  
9 will be beyond me. It'll be at the new  
10 Chair and the will of this group as to how  
11 you address that.

12 Whether it's through a work  
13 group or a retreat of this Board to talk  
14 about the -- the structure of this Board as  
15 a whole.

16 Whether you want to add seats,  
17 replace seats, etcetera, but that'll be up  
18 to the will of this Board. But that will  
19 require legislative action.

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21 MR. WILDMAN: Okay. So just to be  
22 clear, voting on the plan doesn't  
23 necessarily put the momentum of changing --  
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25 MR. CRITZER: Voting on the plan

1       adopts the plan. The second phase would be  
2       to look at the committee structure of the  
3       Board, which is achieved through the bylaws  
4       of this Board, which you have control over.  
5       It basically encompasses adding additional  
6       committee structure to the already -- under  
7       TSOMC.

8                        It would add much of the same  
9       committee structure that was part of the  
10      task force to insure that we have adequate  
11      representation for all of trauma care in  
12      Virginia.

13                      Once those bylaws were changed  
14      and that committee structure became  
15      formalized, then you could begin work on the  
16      legislative piece for the Board itself.

17                      Which will take some time and  
18      some work through Legislative and Planning.  
19      So no, this doesn't put any -- it -- it  
20      starts the process.

21                      But it doesn't make it happen  
22      today. Other comments or questions?  
23      Hearing none, all those in favor of the --  
24      did you have a question?

1 BOARD MEMBER: Yes. Just off of  
2 Dan's question. I know the recommendation  
3 is for six additional positions on the  
4 Board. So by voting on it, are those six  
5 additional positions they are recommending  
6 moving forward, or is that another  
7 discussion to be had at another point in  
8 time?

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10 MR. CRITZER: That's a discussion  
11 that this Board will have to have. Again,  
12 through whether it's through Legislative and  
13 Planning recommendations, through a work  
14 session of this Board -- or a retreat -- as  
15 to how you want to achieve that.

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17 BOARD MEMBER: All right.

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19 MR. CRITZER: It will be up to this  
20 Board to put that plan together and move it  
21 through the legislative process. And  
22 there's a lot of options. There's adding  
23 seats. There could be looking at the  
24 current composition and determining if the  
25 -- if the current make-up is adequate or it

1 needs to be restructured. That'll be up to  
2 this Board to make that recommendation.  
3 This is -- this is accepting what their  
4 recommendations are.

5 Then you will have to work  
6 through that piece. Other questions?  
7 Hearing none, all those in favor of adopting  
8 the trauma plan signify by saying aye.

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10 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

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12 MR. CRITZER: Any opposed, like  
13 sign. The motion carries. All right.  
14 Anything else, Dr. Aboutanos?

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16 DR. ABOUTANOS: No, thank you.  
17 That concludes my report.

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19 MR. CRITZER: I will be giving out,  
20 in a few minutes -- I guess we can actually  
21 do it now since we're on trauma system. It  
22 will require you to look at your bylaws and  
23 to consider some changes. Basically in the  
24 -- the biggest changes for this Board to  
25 consider in the bylaws is to add another --

1 we currently have four coordinators on the  
2 Executive Committee. We currently have  
3 administrative, infrastructure, professional  
4 development and patient care coordinator.

5 This would call for us to add  
6 a trauma system coordinator. So a fifth  
7 member of the Executive Committee. And then  
8 all of the committee structure underneath of  
9 that individual, which pretty much mirrors  
10 the -- the work -- the task force committee  
11 structure that was developed.

12 So Cam -- I asked her to work  
13 on some draft language for your bylaws. And  
14 I will start this around in both directions  
15 -- just take that stack. And this is for  
16 you to take and review and consider.

17 It can't be acted on today.  
18 It's for you to review and think about. It  
19 will be discussed at your next Advisory  
20 Board meeting in November for -- and  
21 potentially could be acted upon at that  
22 time. What would be very important is if  
23 you have suggestions, questions, changes to  
24 this draft, please make those in writing to  
25 Cam no later than 30 days in advance of the

1 November meeting. So October 1st, 2nd, 3rd,  
2 somewhere in there. Whatever -- in early  
3 October, make sure that you have any  
4 suggestions, comments, questions, changes to  
5 Cam in writing by no later than that -- than  
6 early October.

7 Because any changes to this  
8 document need to be in front of you 10 days  
9 in advance of the November meeting in order  
10 for you to act on it in November.

11 If you act on it in November,  
12 whatever you act on would then be adopted.  
13 And you could appoint the formal committee  
14 structure to -- to continue the work of this  
15 group and continue it moving forward.

16 This work group was -- was  
17 appointed by myself as allowed by the  
18 bylaws. And I've -- I have been asked and  
19 have agreed that we will keep that work  
20 group going until which time you make the  
21 appropriate bylaw changes so that things  
22 don't fall behind the wayside in the  
23 meanwhile. There's a lot of work to be  
24 done. And -- and we need to keep that  
25 forward momentum that's been established.

1 So please review them, pose any questions,  
2 suggestions, changes to Cam. But please do  
3 it in writing via email.

4 And make sure you do that  
5 before the -- early October so that there's  
6 adequate time to appropriately incorporate  
7 any changes or suggestions so it can be out  
8 to you 10 days prior to your November  
9 meeting.

10 Any questions about that?

11 Okay. Thank you very much. The next  
12 committee would be Medical Direction. I  
13 don't believe Dr. Dodd is here. Is there  
14 anybody that would like to report on Medical  
15 Direction?

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17 DR. LINDBECK: I can take that.

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19 MR. CRITZER: Okay. Dr. Lindbeck.

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21 DR. LINDBECK: Dr. Dodd apologizes  
22 for not being able to make the meeting. MDC  
23 has not met since the last Governor's  
24 Advisory Board meeting, so there's not  
25 report. Next meeting will be October the

1 4th at the Office in Richmond.

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3 MR. CRITZER: Thank you,  
4 Dr. Lindbeck. Medevac Committee,  
5 Mr. Ferguson.

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7 MR. J. D. FERGUSON: Yes, sir. The  
8 Medevac Committee met yesterday morning. We  
9 continued to work on the implementation  
10 of -- outcome of 778. Got feedback from the  
11 Office on where that stood.

12 As well as we developed a work  
13 group to address implementation of some of  
14 the recommendations from the report from  
15 House Bill 1728.

16 The work group met immediately  
17 following and will continue to work on  
18 bringing some things back to the group in  
19 November.

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21 MR. CRITZER: Thank you, sir. EMS  
22 for Children, Dr. Bartle.

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24 DR. BARTLE: We met back in July.  
25 Have no action -- action points to bring up.

1 Do want to share with you about some of the  
2 thoughts we've been having on the -- the  
3 recent EMS grant that was awarded to the  
4 State.

5 We'll think about continuing  
6 with the pediatric preparedness issues,  
7 particularly like a disaster planning for  
8 kids. Education and training, particularly  
9 pediatric topics for Symposium.

10 And areas within injury  
11 prevention, such as the program we have now  
12 with ambulance restraints for children.  
13 Otherwise, we have -- we've been just trying  
14 to keep up with the other things going on.  
15 And our next meeting is October 4th.

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17 MR. CRITZER: Thank you, sir. A  
18 slight shift in the agenda. Ms. Lavin has  
19 come in. Do you have anything you'd like to  
20 present to us?

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22 MS. LAVIN: I do not.

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24 MR. CRITZER: Okay, thank you very  
25 much. All right. The next item on the

1 agenda is Regional Council Executive  
2 Directors. And I understand Mr. Woods is  
3 going to present that report.

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5 MR. WOODS: Regional EMS Council  
6 Executive group met here at the Marriott  
7 yesterday for a group health insurance hot  
8 topics development workshop prior to our  
9 quarterly meeting that was held yesterday  
10 afternoon.

11 We had no action items to  
12 bring before you. We did conduct elections  
13 to complete the unfilled term of office  
14 created by the sudden and recent loss of our  
15 chairman, Mr. Jim Chandler.

16 And I was elected to fill that  
17 position. We discussed a number of items  
18 including proposed legislation and regional  
19 EMS council representation on the new  
20 Virginia Stroke Quality Improvement Advisory  
21 Group.

22 We also voted to sponsor the  
23 EMS administrator award and the EMS  
24 administration track at the Virginia EMS  
25 Symposium. That concludes my report, but

1 I'll be happy to answer any questions that  
2 you may have.

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4 MR. CRITZER: Any questions for  
5 Mr. Woods? Thank you, sir. Appreciate  
6 that. The next item on the agenda is public  
7 comment.

8 Before I open the floor for  
9 that, just a reminder that this Board  
10 follows the Department of Health public  
11 speaking guidelines, in that, you're allowed  
12 three minutes to present your item.

13 At the end of three minutes,  
14 you will be -- will be cut off. So we do  
15 have this official fancy timer that's got  
16 the green and the red stop lights on it.

17 So if there's anyone who  
18 wishes to present to the Board, now is your  
19 opportunity. Please come forward, state  
20 your name and who you represent, and what  
21 you'd like to say.

22 Going once, twice, okay.  
23 Being no public comment, we'll move on to  
24 unfinished business. There is no unfinished  
25 business on the agenda. So we'll move to

1 new business. There is one item of new  
2 business and that is to appoint a nominating  
3 committee.

4 That nominating committee will  
5 develop a slate for presentation to you for  
6 consideration at your November meeting for a  
7 chair, a vice-chair and the committee chairs  
8 and coordinators for your Board for the  
9 following year.

10 I've solicited some names to  
11 put before you for your approval. Jose  
12 Salazar, Valerie Quick, John Henschel, Jason  
13 D. Ferguson and John Korman have agreed or  
14 were strong-armed, one of the two, into  
15 agreeing to -- to chair the -- or to be part  
16 of the nominating committee.

17 Jason was really strong-armed  
18 into volunteering to be chair. So I put  
19 before you that slate for your nominating  
20 committee for your consideration and  
21 approval.

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23 BOARD MEMBER: I'll make a motion.

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25 MR. CRITZER: We have a motion. Is

1           there a second?

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3                   BOARD MEMBER:    Second.

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5                   MR. CRITZER:    Is there any further  
6                   discussion?   Hearing none, all those in  
7                   favor, signify by saying aye.

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9                   BOARD MEMBERS:    Aye.

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11                   MR. CRITZER:    Any opposed?    So we  
12                   will be in touch with you, Jason, as to what  
13                   you need to do.   But you -- the end result  
14                   is that you have to have a slate out to this  
15                   body 30 days prior to the next meeting for  
16                   their consideration at the November meeting  
17                   at Symposium.

18                   Oh, wrong one.    See, it's  
19                   time.   Okay, sorry about that.   I wondered  
20                   why you were looking at me so funny.   All  
21                   right.

22                   Is there anything else that  
23                   anybody on the group would like to bring  
24                   before the Board under new business?   Did we  
25                   set a land speed record?   I think we might

1 have. With that, again, thank you for your  
2 support. It's been a pleasure. And we  
3 stand adjourned.

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5 (The EMS Advisory Board meeting concluded at  
6 2:09 p.m.)

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